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The amendment to the claims filed on December 21, 2000 does not comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121(c) because the amended claims were renumbered thereby displacing the original claims. For example, original claim 9 was dissected into new claim 10, while original claim 10 was changed to new claim 13. This is very confusing and is improper. The amended claim numbers must correspond to the original claims.

Since the reply filed on December 21, 2000 appears to be bona fide, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to submit an amendment in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121 in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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